

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of this amendment are solicited. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-18 will be pending in the application subsequent to entry of this amendment.

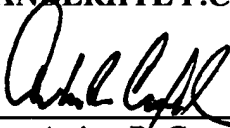
In the official Action, page 4, item 7, the examiner indicates claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants intend to amend their claims consistent with the examiner's comments. Specifically, it is proposed to amend claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 2, 5 and 6. The subject matter of claim 3 is really a further limitation on claim 2, so claim 3 remains dependent on claim 1.

All of the remaining claims, that is 4 and 7-18 are dependent directly or indirectly from amended claim 1 so these claims are also regarded as being in condition for allowance together with amended claim 1 (and claim 3).

Respectfully submitted,

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